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Sent: 3/27/2020 3:12:46 PM
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Subject: FW: OCSPP input for USMCA assessment report to Congress

From: Muehling, Brian
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Kovner, Karissa <Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>
Cc: Nelsen, Ashley <Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>; Almodovar, Lisa <Almodovar.Lisa@epa.gov>; Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OCSPP input for USMCA assessment report to Congress

Thanks, Karissa and Ashley. Point taken about the writeup being a mix of #1 and #2. Makes perfect sense. Standing by. Have a call with Walker and Hodayah at 11 am that might generate some additional guidance.

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Subject: Re: OCSPP input for USMCA assessment report to Congress

We'll touch base this morning and get back to you. It's probably a mix of both #1 and #2. They are closely related.

On timing, we'll do our best. Alex has an issue front and center with the Administrator on Monday morning that she has asked us to work on today and both Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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On the template, you are likely going to need to engage your own CEC or Mexico experts to assist with your middle item as we are not going to be familiar enough with the nitty-gritty details of Mexican law and infrastructure. We can tell you where the problems are and what the trade impacts are, but presumably USTR will need to use its own expertise and review writing team, building on what we provide and what your office might need to expand on for us, to flesh out.

Will do our best, of course.

Thanks,
Karissa

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2020, at 8:47 AM, Muehling, Brian <Muehling.Brian@epa.gov> wrote:

Ashley and Karissa,

I presume you will work from item #1 below in your one pager on MX chems/pesticides issues for the assessment/gap report due to Congress. Correct?

Thanks,
Brian

From: Nelsen, Ashley <Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Muehling, Brian <Muehling.Brian@epa.gov>; Ferland, Henry <Ferland.Henry@epa.gov>
Subject: OCSPP USMCA Implementation
Importance: High

Good morning Brian,

Below are the issues OCSPP has flagged that may hinder the effective implementation of USMCA. USTR should be aware of these issues as well, but always important to put them in writing. If USTR needs additional information I am happy to provide more detail.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thank you,

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